



Veterans Home - Chippewa Falls

Family & Friends Update 9/27/2020

Dear Family & Friends – Here are the updates from today:

Covid Updates:

There have been no changes in Covid numbers as of today.

As before, one member is still suspected to be positive for COVID-19 based on testing guidance from the CDC. This member is currently in the Covid designated space away from other members and has dedicated staff providing cares.

Two employees are confirmed to have COVID-19.

The employee who is suspected to have COVID-19 has had two additional negative tests; however this person will not come back to work until cleared based on CDC guidance.

In addition, we still have the three people (one member & two employees) who are experiencing mild symptoms and we are just awaiting their test results. The appropriate precautions are in place for these individuals, too.

Testing Requirements:

As we are in outbreak status, we will begin doing testing at least twice per week for all members and staff, as per guidance from CMS. We retested all members yesterday and are still awaiting results. We will be testing staff again tomorrow.

We are continuing to follow our comprehensive COVID-19 Preparation and Response Action Plan and Infection Prevention Control Program, we're taking every action possible to protect our members and staff while continuing to follow guidance from the CDC, CMS, and state and local health officials.

Minimize Exposure:

We are requesting that all members stay in their rooms to help minimize foot traffic within the households and ultimately minimize exposure. In addition all members were put into transmission based or "warm" precautions to try and help keep everyone as healthy as we can. This is similar to what we had been doing for everyone when they were in "green" or "cold" precautions, but now includes the use of gowns for staff when we are assisting with direct cares.

Red, Yellow, Green Magnets:

We implemented magnets outside of all member rooms. These are quick ways to identify which PPE is required when any staff enter each room. As of right now, all members are on "warm" or "yellow" precautions, with the exception of the Covid Positive dedicated space, which is the "hot" or "red"

precautions. Again, this is another precaution we are taking to ensure members and staff are protected during this time.

Updates & Contact Info:


We will continue to update you as frequently as able and as required by CMS. Please note that all updates sent to family members are also on our website here:

<https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/veteransHomes/VeteransHomeCOVID-19.aspx>.

I encourage you to contact us or Katie Plendl if you have any questions or concerns. The main number to the facility is 715-720-6775 or you can email us at our general email of Veterans.Home-CF@dva.wi.gov.

Our member and employee's safety are our top priority and we appreciate your cooperation as we navigate these changes together.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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